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SUMMARY <p>Dr. Hubert SCHRUEBBER, General Public Prosecutor of the Superior Provincial Court (Oberlandesgericht) in Duesseldorf, has been appointed chief of the office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV) in Bonn. He succeeds Hans JESS, who has been acting chief since the defection of Otto JOCH to the Soviet Zone in July 1954. It is reported that SCHRUEBBER will assume the Presidency of the BfV on 1 August 1955, the retirement date of JESS. The attached report was provided this office by the AMCONGEN, Duesseldorf, and relates available background information on SCHRUEBBER.</p> <p>SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS BY AUTHORITY OF <i>[Signature]</i> DATE <i>22 July 55</i> D289703 <i>W</i></p> <p>DOWNGRADING DATA CANNOT BE PREDETERMINED</p>				
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1. Hubert SCHRUEBBERS was born on November 5, 1907 in Becklinghausen in the former Province of Westphalia (now Northrhine-Westphalia). He is a Catholic, married and has two (2) children. His wife, Johanna-Maria Schruëbbers-Uhl, is a former concert singer from Tübingen. She is presently active as a singing teacher in Cologne and works in connection with the Radio Station WDR in that city. He is a confirmed pipe smoker. He is very much interested in the fine arts, and his special hobby is photography. He is one of three (3) brothers, one of whom is a director of a coal mine, and the other a black sheep, who at one time tried to sell his services as an agent to British Intelligence, and who later got into trouble because of an alleged swindle.

2. This office has learned nothing of SCHRUEBBERS' early background, however, the following information has been learned regarding significant dates in his professional career:

- a. July 21, 1931 - First legal state examination (Referendar in Hamm).
- b. March 15, 1935 - Second legal state examination (Assessor) in Berlin.
- c. June 1, 1939 - appointed State Prosecuting Attorney (Staatsanwalt) in Zochum.
- d. January 1, 1947 - appointed State Prosecuting Attorney (Staatsanwalt) in Dortmund.
- e. March 1, 1947 - appointed First State Attorney with the Attorneyship at the Provincial Court in Hamm (Erster Staatsanwalt bei der Staatsanwaltschaft des Oberlandesgerichts).
- f. July 1, 1948 - Chief State Attorney (Oberstaatsanwalt) in Arnberg.
- g. October 1, 1948 - Chief State Attorney with the Supreme Royal Court (British Zone) in Cologne (Oberstaatsanwalt beim Obersten Königsgericht), (appointed by Central Legal Office in Hamburg).
- h. October 1, 1950 - Federal Prosecuting Attorney at the Federal Court in Karlsruhe (Oberstaatsanwalt beim Bundesgericht), (appointed by German Ministry of Justice, Bonn District).
- i. October 1, 1952 - Attorney General in the Provincial Court Düsseldorf (Generalstaatsanwalt beim Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf).

3. From August 10, 1943 to May 16, 1946, SCHRUEBBERS served with the German Army, and the last rank that he held was that of Sergeant. He never was a member of the NSDAP, according to the RR. Ministry of Justice. He was never active politically, and this office was unable to ascertain to which political party he is affiliated, if any. His post-war career really began, according to a British source, with his appointment (by the British Military Government, presumably the Central Legal Office in Hamburg) as State Attorney in Hamm, on March 1, 1947.

4. According to Oberlandesgerichtspräsident Werner BAERNS, SCHRUEBBERS is a well educated, extremely competent lawyer whom he has esteemed highly as a colleague. He described him as being a strong man both physically and in his character. At the same time, he is reputed to be very human and approachable. In fact, the only critical comment heard about him is that he sometimes appears too friendly and therefore, not quite genuine. His change of positions from Federal Prosecuting Attorney to Attorney General in the Provincial Court District, appears on the surface at least, to have been a demotion. President Baerns admitted that his present position does not carry the same prestige as that of Federal Prosecuting Attorney, although the salary is only slightly less; but he stated that SCHRUEBBERS accepted his present job when it was offered to him because his wife and family were living in Cologne, a considerable distance from Karlsruhe and because, as he himself said, "at Karlsruhe, I am one of four equally ranking general attorneys whereas, as Generalstaatsanwalt in Düsseldorf I am completely

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in charge." In his present job he administers and supervises the work of approximately 100-125 local (county) prosecuting attorneys. He rarely tries a case himself although occasionally he does handle important cases. Again, according to a local British source, his appointment as Generalstaatsanwalt in Duesseldorf moved him over the heads of a considerable number of more senior civil servants which has caused a certain amount of jealousy, as would be expected in such case. However, there has been no indication that he has arrived near the top of his profession except by his own merit and ability.

G-2 USAREUR COMMENT:

1. According to Berlin Document Center files, SCHRUEBBERS was an Unterwachtmeister der Reserve (Reserve Sergeant) in the SS. Since Unterwachtmeister was a police rank, it is possible that SCHRUEBBERS was a member of a police unit which was activated for SS duty.

2. This office has no information available at the present time on those factors which may have influenced the selection of SCHRUEBBERS for this appointment. With the exception of a very extensive legal background, he does not appear to possess exceptional qualifications for the highest security position in West Germany. This does not eliminate however, the possibility that his appointment may have been planned to solely provide a figurehead for the agency, and not an individual who would become involved with intelligence operations.

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